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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 832  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Pastor James Bell for achieving 25 successful years of ministering at Southside Baptist Church.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those persons who through their professional efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Pastor James Bell, who has ministered to the pious membership of Southside Baptist Church in Gallatin for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Bell delivered his first sermon at Southside on May 4, 1975; and

WHEREAS, originally from Georgia, he preceded his tenure at Southside Baptist Church with a stint at First Baptist Church in Hartsville; and

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in establishing the Southside Christian School in 1981; and

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WHEREAS, Pastor Bell's unique strength is in the area of marriage counseling; and

WHEREAS, he has mentored several young men who were thirsty for the Word; many of these gentlemen have proceeded to serve as missionaries and pastors; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Bell has traveled on two missionary trips to preach the Word of Jesus Christ to brethren in India and Spain; and

WHEREAS, the good pastor is married to the former Cindy Baker of Nashville; he is the father of John Mark Bell of Antioch; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Bell is a revered member of his community, his church, and is a devout servant of God Almighty; and

WHEREAS, it is not often that a man of Bro. James Bell's stature walks among us, and it is important that we honor him for his strong character and selfless good works, also recognizing him for his life of purpose and commitment to God; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Pastor James Bell for 25 years of ministerial service at the Southside Baptist Church in Gallatin. We further extend our best wishes for his future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.